28

CHANG & DIAMOND APC Alison J. Maloof, SBN 249635 624 BROADWAY #305 SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 (619)233-6300

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re: MARY SWEENEY DEBTOR(S) Case No.: 10-10746-LT13

RESPONSE TO DEBTOR'S **DECLARATION** 

May 24, 2011 DATE: TIME: 11:00 a.m. CTRM: Hon. Laura S. Taylor

## TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOW COMES, CHANG & DIAMOND, APC, and responds to Debtor's declaration, filed April 27, 2011:

- 1. Chang & Diamond (hereinafter "Attorneys") advised Mary Sweeny (hereinafter "Debtor") that a fee application was warranted on February 24, 2011, via email correspondence. Attorneys estimated that approximately 11 hours of attorney time was spent at the hourly rate of \$400/hour. Attorneys estimated that approximately 2-4 hours of legal assistant time was spent at the hourly rates of between \$75-\$100 per hour. Attorneys represented to Debtor that it the requested fees would range from \$5,500 to \$6,000. Attorneys requested that Debtor contact the firm via telephone to discuss any guestions relating to the proposed fee application.
- 2. Debtor never contacted Attorneys to discuss the proposed fee application via telephone.
- 3. Debtor emailed Attorneys with questions regarding the fees in the prior case, to which Attorneys explained that the prior case was not at issue in this matter. This fee application is limited to the work done on the current case.

- 4. The fee application was filed on March 4, 2011. Debtor was properly served with the fee application.
- 5. Debtor did not respond to the fee application by March 21, 2011, which was the 21 day deadline.
- Debtor then appeared at the hearing on the fee application to object. The Court gave the Debtor a new deadline of April 26, 2011, to serve a declaration in opposition to Attorney's fee application.
- 7. On April 27, 2011, one day late, Debtor filed her objection.
- 8. Debtor's objection was improperly served.
- 9. To date, Debtor has not corrected the errors and deficiencies in her service.
- 10. Attorneys are merely requesting to be compensated for the work done on the Debtors' case.
- 11. As stated in the fee application, Attorneys are requesting **\$4,305.00** to be paid through the plan. Additionally, the fee application was drafted to clearly explain the appropriate hourly rates for the various individuals at the firm working on this case.

DATED: May 10, 2011

/s/ Alison J. Maloof ALISON J. MALOOF Attorney for Debtor

28